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Application No. 09/926,513

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Andreas KRELL et al.

Confirmation No. 6687

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Customer No. 7055

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Group Art Unit : 1755

For : METHOD OF PRODUCING ALUMINUM OXIDES AND PRODUCTS
OBTAINED ON THE BASIS THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir :

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until January 29, 2004..

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to the expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including an extensions of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.